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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING MACROLIDE  
COMPOUND

Examiner: Shahnan Shah, Khatol S.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i) AND LETTER REGARDING COPEPENDING APPLICATIONS**

**MS ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are Applicants' request that these references be placed in the record of the above-captioned application, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i). It is believed that separate consideration of these references is not necessary. Should the Examiner choose to consider the references listed on the PTO/SB/08 form, the references are included for the Examiner's convenience.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following copending U.S. Applications:

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
12/021,184	January 28, 2010	1625
12/375,132	January 26, 2009	1628
11/927,564	October 29, 2007	1625

The subject matter contained in the above-listed copending U.S. applications may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed applications to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants does NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending applications or this application. See MPEP § 101.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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